

January 28, 2002

Attorney General John Ashcroft US Department of Justice 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am the controller of a diamond wholesale company writing to give my support to the recent Department of Justice and Microsoft antitrust case. This settlement was reached after three months of intense, round-the-clock negotiations endorsed by a federal judge. Ongoing persecution of one of the strongest companies in our country is unfair, and stands in stark relief to how much positive difference Bill Gates has made in the computer industry.

When I first started using computers, interoperability was virtually nonexistent, and computers were not user-friendly at all. Now, with Windows, I can install everything myself. I am not a computer expert by any means, but because of Microsoft's simple programs, I have been able to customize my computer to my specifications.

The envious competitors who foisted this lawsuit on America now claim that the settlement is not strict enough. Any objective view of the settlement, however, shows that Microsoft is more than fairly reprimanded. Microsoft has agreed to change Windows so that it will be even easier to install programs, and Microsoft has agreed to share any interfaces that Windows uses to communicate with other programs. This alone is more than enough, and should placate even the shrillest of the competition.

I urge you to continue your support to this agreement.

Sincerely,

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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am writing on this last day of the comment period to express my full support of the recent settlement in the antitrust case between Microsoft and the US Department of Justice. The lawsuit dragged on too long and now it is definitely in the best interests of the American public to end litigation against Microsoft.

I am a Microsoft supporter. I do not think my rights as a consumer have been infiringed upon. In fact, I think that Microsoft has standardized the industry and made it mush easier for users.

The terms of the settlement are fair. Microsoft has agreed to increase its relations with computer makers and software developers, design future Windows' versions so that competitors can more easily promote their own products and form a three person team to monitor compliance with the settlement.

I hope your office implements the settlement as soon as possible. Our nation needs Microsoft as the cornerstone of the tech sector. Please suppress the opposition from the nine states and make this thing a reality.

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